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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Also attached is a Notification of Reason(s) for Refusal with translation dated June 2, 2009, for the corresponding Japanese Application 2005-269295. The Notification of Reason(s) for Refusal cites two documents, namely JP 2003-256876 and JP 10-503304. Both documents were submitted in the IDS filed on August 25, 2006.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56 as an Examiner might consider any cited document important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, but the citation of each document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 CFR 1.104 (a), and in the course of such search will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form even if not initialed.

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Early and favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

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